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RESPONSE TO NON FINAL  
REJECTION

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Regarding the rejection of claim 1, in the Offices view Carney 6, 178,714 teaches of a one story high block with an interior wall an exterior wall and sidewalls. (By definition a building block has an interior wall an exterior wall, sidewalls with a hollow space formed in between the walls) However Carney does not teach of a "one story high building block" he teaches of a building system using a plurality of standard size blocks to achieve a one story high building. In the "Summary of the Invention" (6,178,714) Carney describes two main block types, industry standard sizes 7 5/8" X 7 5/8" X 15 5/8" two cavity concrete blocks, or 7 5/8" X 7 5/8" X 18" These blocks must be stacked one upon another, to achieve one story height. We are claiming a one story high building block, for example, each block is at least eight feet tall. In the Offices view, "The steel reinforcements can be seen (see 3, figure 2, which passes through holes)." These are not steel reinforcements they are assembly rods for temporary assembly of the blocks to form a wall.

Regarding the rejection of claim 2, in the Offices view, "building exteriors often comprise stamped concrete or some sort of visual effect". We are not claiming a building exterior stamped wall, we are claiming the stamping of the exterior surface of a block, no other building blocks have a stamped exterior surface.